

HONORING THE SERVICE OF BATTALION CHIEF DAVID MAEKER

(Mr. ELLZEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ELLZEY. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize an outstanding constituent of Texas 6, Battalion Chief David Maeker, who has dutifully served the people of Waxahachie for the past 26 years.

David was Battalion Chief in 2018 but was leading in and out of the fire station well before that. Throughout his career, he has set the tone for what it means to be a good leader.

I am incredibly proud to announce that Chief Maeker was named Firefighter of the Year for Waxahachie in 2021, an outstanding honor for which he deserves to be recognized.

David also helps his community. He has done so by starting a nonprofit called Compassion for the Fatherless, which works with an orphanage overseas in fulfilling the needs of children by providing them with a strong foundation to be successful in life.

David, you truly lead by example. I, and the citizens of Waxahachie, thank you for your incredible service and leadership in our community and to those who need it most.

Congratulations on the well-deserved honor.

DEMOCRATS DELIVER ON INFRASTRUCTURE

(Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise to announce it is finally infrastructure year for Georgia's Fifth Congressional District.

I have seen firsthand how the infrastructure bill will transform the entire Fifth Congressional District in Georgia. To share just a few projects: We are going to repair crumbling bridges in the city of South Fulton; extend the Peachtree Creek Greenway in Brookhaven; make Forest Park a more pedestrian-friendly city; and maintain Hartsfield-Jackson's title as the world's busiest airport. We are delivering for the people.

I am especially proud that the infrastructure bill includes the Reconnecting Neighborhoods Program, based on legislation that I wrote. This program will reconnect neighborhoods like the Sweet Auburn district that was intentionally divided by the construction of Federal interstates.

This is a matter of racial justice because far too often, it was Black neighborhoods that were divided. I have met with community leaders to hear what they need from the program, and I will continue to be their voice in Washington as they build back better.

And I almost forgot. While we are making these decades-overdue investments in infrastructure, we are going to also create millions of good-paying,

union jobs. Democrats have delivered for the Fifth District and our country, and we are not done yet.

POTENTIAL TREATMENTS FOR COVID-19

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, it was a very disappointing recess. I knew at least three more people who passed away because of the COVID.

For that reason, I was very disappointed in President Biden's comments earlier today on television, in that I think he could have brought up things that would have prevented some of these unnecessary deaths.

First of all, President Trump's COVID was cured by monoclonal antibodies 16 months ago. Nevertheless, in my district, we have a shortage of monoclonal antibodies. I have doctors or clinics calling me wondering where they are. It is a good question.

They were available for the President of the United States 16 months ago. But, for some reason, President Biden and his team have shortages of monoclonal antibodies in my district that I am convinced would have saved some of these lives.

The next thing I will point out is that my doctors tell me that people are better off if they are taking vitamin D, vitamin C, zinc, quercetin. All these things would save people's lives if they were taking them up front before they got the virus.

But again, President Biden gives a big speech. No comments on this; just let people die.

FIGHT FOR VOTING RIGHTS

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Sometimes it is extremely difficult, Madam Speaker, to really convey in this form both the pain and the emotion of one's journey in life.

I worked for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the conference that Dr. Martin Luther King and Ralph David Abernathy organized and gathered foot soldiers for from around America. They were, in fact, the beloved community, and included the likes of John Robert Lewis and many others that sit in this House today.

I walked on plantations and tried to register sharecroppers. And so, I come today to recount for us the words of Dr. King: "We shall overcome because the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

We need to enact democracy reform now more than ever because State lawmakers introduced over 440 suppression bills in 49 States.

We cannot allow the other body to stand on some sort of pro forma dignity that they cannot overturn the filibuster, when people died for the vote.

We honor Dr. King on Monday. I want that vote to be in his honor that we have voting rights.

HYPOCRISY IN PLANS FOR GREEN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, we have a lot of lofty goals in this country about green energy, renewable energy, and such. But we are not providing the ways in order to get there.

One of the important components is the mined products that we need to go into various equipment and vehicles, et cetera. We are not able to mine the critical minerals, the rare earths in this country.

For example, to get a permit to open a type of mine or expand a mine, it could be 15, 16, 18 years in this country while our neighbors just north of the border, a 2- or 3-year process to secure the permits to mine products that are desperately needed in this country if we are ever going to talk about meeting the goals you would have for renewable energy, electric cars, and all that in order to lower the carbon footprint.

So what is the hypocrisy here? In my home State of California, you can hardly get mining done. You can hardly even keep electricity flowing because of taking away power plants due to—those are power plants that would be zero CO₂. I don't understand the hypocrisy. So we have to get smart about this.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF EU- ROPEAN PARLIAMENT PRESI- DENT DAVID SASSOLI

(Mr. COSTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a champion for democracy, David Sassoli, President of the European Parliament, who passed away earlier this week.

President Sassoli was a respected leader of conviction and principle; a distinguished Italian journalist-turned-public-servant dedicated to his service to helping vulnerable women, homelessness, individuals and the rights of refugees.

Sassoli was a symbol of balance and generosity to Europe. His leadership and commitment to social justice will not be forgotten. He will be remembered as a stalwart defender of the shared European and American values of human rights, the rule of law, and equality.

I send my deepest condolences, as I know Members of the House do, to the people of the European Union. And my thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones.